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Indices

An unindexed journal is of little use over the long haul, and many libraries will not subscribe to it. [Of course, we plan to include at least an author and title index in the next issue, but that doesn't count.] Therefore, we were pleased to learn that RISK has been approved by the Indexing Periodical Literature Advisory Committee [One of the few which may not need nonexpert members!] of the American Association of Law Libraries. This means, for example, that RISK will be included in the Current Law Index, Legaltrac, and Legal Resources Index published by Information Access Company.

We have also applied to be included in other legal indices. Yet that seems inadequate. In view of the wide disciplinary scope of the journal, we would appreciate it very much if readers could send us the names and addresses of publishers of indices which they use in their diverse disciplines, e.g., economics, psychology, or medicine.

Editorial Advisory Board

Following our announcement in the last issue, we have received and accepted several nominations to an interim editorial advisory board. We are particularly happy that these people span a range of geography, institutions, experience, disciplines and interests. We are confident that they will help us better to serve our readers.

Present members of the editorial advisory committee include:

Steve H. Chasin, who is an economist in the Office of Regulatory Analysis at OSHA.

David Holtgrave, who, with John Graham, has an article in this issue — further biographical information appears there.

Jon F. Merz, who has degrees in nuclear engineering, business and law — and is presently a Ph.D. candidate in the Carnegie Mellon Department of Engineering and Public Policy.

David Owen, who is an author of a leading casebook on product liability law and professor at the University of South Carolina School of Law.

Linda-Jo Schierow, who earned her Ph.D. in Land Resources–Environmental Decision Making and is a research associate with the Center for Technology, Policy and Industrial Development at MIT.

RISK on Disk

As noted on the inside front cover, it is our plan to make the annual contents of RISK available on 3.5" disks, formatted for Apple Macintosh, or IBM-compatible computers. Because people use a diversity of word processor or data base applications, everything will be converted to the lowest common denominator (ASCII text). Having the contents available on disk will facilitate lifting quotations, and, with the proper software, will permit a subscriber to locate information of interest far more effectively than with an index.

For those who are interested, more information on using RISK in that format appears at the end of this issue.